



Protecting Children by Strengthening Families

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# Media Release

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**For Immediate Release: August 20, 2008**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY PARTNERS WITH LOCAL COMPANIES TO SEND  
COLLEGE BOUND FOSTER KIDS BACK-TO-SCHOOL**

**WHO:**

Franklin County Commissioners  
Franklin County Children Services  
Limited Brands  
The Easton Community Foundation  
The Ohio State University

**WHAT:**

Commissioners, Children Services and private partners present Back-to-School gift cards to college-bound youth previously in foster care.

Franklin County Children Services Emancipation Department provides on-going services to willing youth who have aged out of the foster care system. The Emancipation Program currently has 36 kids who will be attending college this fall. Students will attend The Ohio State University, Columbus State Community College, Central State, Spellman and the University of Cincinnati.

Youth will receive gift cards for Limited Brand stores and Easton Town Center during a recognition reception and offered a chance to shop after the ceremony.

As part of the Emancipation program, these students have received help accessing funds that provide them with items such as computers and sheets and towels for dorm life. Students also receive assistance to access funds that pay partial tuition and staff arrange for host homes for the students coming home for the holidays.

For further  
information  
contact

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Moore**  
Children  
Services  
275-2521

**WHEN:** Friday, August 22 at 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** Easton Town Center  
Town Square (Closest to Cheesecake Factory and Barnes and Noble)

Or

**PARKING:** Available on any of the surface lots or garages

**Hanna  
Greer**  
Commissioners  
462-5848

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